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Welcome, Gus Parker, to Mississippi Mid-Winter!

Augustus M. "Gus" Parker, a member since 1965 of the Exchange Club of Macon, Georgia, was elected National Treasurer of the National Exchange Club at the 79th annual convention in July of 1997 in New Orleans. He previously served Exchange as Vice President of Region 10 in 1995-96. Gus served on his club's Board of Directors for several years before being elected President-elect in 1986. He served as President of his club the following year and chaired every major club committee. Gus served in the Georgia District Exchange Clubs as District Director (1988-89), as Vice President (1989-1990), as President-elect (1990-1991), and as District President (1991-1992). He also served as chairman of various district committees, including Exchange Education and Mid-Year Educational Conference.

On the national level, Gus serves as Volunteer Field Representative and serves as a member of the National Budget and Finance Committee. He also serves on the Personnel and Strategic Planning Committees. He served as a Trustee of the National Exchange Club Foundation for the Prevention of Child Abuse and the National Exchange Club Foundation. As previously noted, he is Immediate Past National Treasurer and is a candidate for National President at the National Convention in Phoenix in July, 2000.

Retired as a school administrator for the Bibb County Board of Education, Gus holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Education from Mercer University and an Educational Specialist degree in school administration from Georgia State University.



1999-2000 Mid-Winter Conference 9 am, January 22, 2000 Ramada Inn SW, Jackson

8:15	Registration Begins
9:00	Call to Order
	Invocation
	Posting of Colors
	Pledge of Allegiance
9:10	Welcome Exchangites
9:15	Secretary's Report
9:20	Treasurer's Report
9:25	Resolution Report
9:35	Introduction of Guests
9:45	Break
10:00	Recognition of New Club Builders
10:15	Child Abuse Prevention
10:45	Education Program
11:00	Bad Club Meeting Scenario
11:30	Overview
11:45	Break for Lunch
12:00	Lunch
	Presiding, District President
	Invocation
	Meal
	Introduction of Keynote Speaker
	Keynote Speaker, Gus Parker, VFR
1:00	Break
1:15	Good Club Meeting Scenario
1:45	Overview
2:00	In Memory of Deceased Exchangites
2:10	Invitation to Vicksburg Convention
2:20	Announcements
	Adjournment

NEW CLUB IN MADISON COUNTY!

Mississippi's newest Exchange club, the Exchange Club of Madison County, held its Permanent Organizational Meeting (POM) on October 28, 1999, with 20 charter members present. Club builders were John and Rebecca Middleton and L.J. and Linda Smith of the Oak Forest Club. Ken Sullivan, VFR, presided at the meeting. The new club has been assigned to Division V, Mary Elizabeth Hardy, District Director. Welcome, Madison County!

INTER-CLUB MEETINGS

Inter-Club meetings provide Exchangites an opportunity to meet and socialize with members from other clubs in the immediate area. These meetings are scheduled within driving range so that no overnight stay is necessary, and every member is encouraged to attend the Inter-Club meeting in his or her division. Preliminary information follows:

The 2000 **Inter-Club Meeting** for **Divisions I, II, and III** will be held at 5 p.m. on **Saturday, February 19th** at **Cobb's Seafood, Highway 6 West, Oxford**, and will be jointly hosted by the **Oxford Exchange Club** and the **Lafayette-Oxford-University Exchange Club**.

The **Inter-Club Meeting** for **Division VII** will be held at 7 p.m. on **Friday, March 10th** at the **Brookhaven-Lincoln County Multi-Purpose Building** and will be hosted by the **Brookhaven Exchange Club**.

The **Inter-Club Meeting** for **Divisions IV, V, and VI** will be held on **February 12th** in **Pearl** and will be hosted by the **Pearl Exchange Club**.

Plans for the **Inter-Club Meeting** for **Division VIII** have not been finalized at the time of publication of this bulletin.

The **Inter-Club Meeting** for **Division IX**, hosted by the **Gulfport Club**, will be held on **March 11th** at 7 p.m. at the **Holiday Inn on the Beach** in **Gulfport**.

For additional information, contact District President-elect Dwayne Burns at 1428 Calvary Drive SW, Bogue Chitto, MS 39629, by telephone at 601-833-8477, or by e-mail at longwayte@aol.com.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Exchangites:

Now that half of our administrative year has elapsed, it is time to reflect on where we are and where we want to go to complete the goals that we set at the last District Convention.

One new club has been built in the District this past six months. Our goal was to build five new clubs this year—that goal is still attainable as we have Exchangites working on two other clubs at this time. We can still attain our goal with a lot of hard work. Our membership goal was set to exceed last year's record of 130 new members. We are currently at -29 for the year; however, if each club in the District will recruit four new members before June 30th while at the same time maintaining the present membership, this goal will also be reached.

During the first six months, I have visited with nineteen clubs at least once. My goal was to visit every club in the District, and I promise to do my best to reach that goal. Let's work together to do everything we can to further Exchange in the Mississippi District. By working together, we can make Mississippi the top district in the nation, but it will take a commitment from each of us to do so.

January 22nd, the date of the Mid-Winter Conference, is just a few days away. To be held at the Ramada Inn SW in Jackson, the Conference registration will begin at 8:15. Donuts, juice, and coffee will be served as well as lunch for a total cost of \$16 per person. VFR Gus Parker of Georgia, Immediate Past National Treasurer, will be our guest for the day. Let's have a record number of Exchangites in attendance and make this conference one of the best events in Mississippi's history!

Begin thinking, too, about the District Convention to be held the first week in June at the Holiday Inn in Vicksburg. Each club will be sent information at the appropriate time, and I look for a record turnout for this year's convention.

So many Exchangites have helped me this year that it would be impossible to name them, but you know who you are—and I'd like to say thank you for the work you are doing to make your community, your district, and your nation a better place in which to live. Remember, be positive, and be proud to be an Exchangite! God bless each of you.

Lynn Rivere
Mississippi District President



DATES TO REMEMBER:

January 17.....	Martin Luther King Day
January 21	District Board Meeting
January 22	Mid-Winter Conference
February	National Community Service Month
February 12.....	Inter-club—IV, V, VI—Pearl
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 15.....	Presidents Day
February 19	Inter-club I,II,III--Oxford/LOU
March 4	District Board Meeting
March 10.....	Inter-club, VII--Brookhaven
March 11.....	Inter-Club, --IX--Gulfport
March 17	St. Patrick's Day
March 27 (1911).....	Birthday of Exchange
April	Child Abuse Prevention Month
April.....	Volunteer Recognition Month
April 2.....	Daylight Savings Time Begins (honestly!)
April 23.....	Easter
May	National Freedom Shrine Month
May 14.....	Mothers Day
May 29.....	Memorial Day
May 31.....	District Board Meeting
June 1-4.....	Mississippi District Convention, Vicksburg
June 14	Flag Day
June 18	Fathers Day
June 30.....	Exchange Year Ends
July 11-16.....	82 nd National Convention, Phoenix

Covenant of Service

Accepting the divine privilege of single and collective responsibility as life's noblest gift, I covenant with my fellow Exchangites:

To consecrate my best energies to the uplifting of social, religious, political and business ideals;

To discharge the debt I owe to those of high and low estate who have served and sacrificed that the heritage of American citizenship might be mine;

To honor and respect law, to serve my fellowmen, and to uphold the ideals and institutions of my country;

To implant the life-giving society-building spirit of service and comradeship in my social and business relationships;

To serve in unity with those seeking better conditions, better understandings, and greater opportunities for all.

NECROLOGY

- F. Kent Stribling, Sr.—North Jackson
- F. H. Nance, Cleveland
- James M. Spell--Downtown Jackson
- John F. Carrington—Oxford
- Vernon D. Neely, Sr.--Richland
- M. L. King--Tupelo

-----In Loving Memory-----

**MISSISSIPPI STATE FLAG FLIES ABOVE
NATIONAL EXCHANGE HEADQUARTERS IN TOLEDO**



**MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT STATISTICS--1999-2000
MEMBERS PER CLUB, FIRST OF MONTH**

CLUB	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN
Batesville	25	25	26	26	26	25	25
Biloxi	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
Bogue Chitto	28	29	37	36	38	38	39
Brookhaven	79	74	73	68	66	66	65
Byram	56	55	56	58	34	34	34
Clarksdale	36	34	34	34	33	33	33
Cleveland	65	65	65	69	70	75	77
Columbus	62	62	62	62	64	63	65
Crossgates	14	16	17	17	17	17	17
D'tn Jackson	43	43	42	43	43	41	41
Flowood	25	28	31	31	31	30	30
Greenwood	36	36	36	36	36	34	35
Grenada	62	63	63	59	58	59	59
Gulfport	42	41	39	39	41	39	39
Hancock Co	26	26	26	24	23	23	23
Hattiesburg	25	24	24	24	25	24	24
Holmes CC	30	30	14	14	9	8	8
Houston	68	68	68	71	70	70	70
JCJC	39	39	39	39	39	39	39
Kosciusko	40	35	39	37	38	38	38
Leavell Woods	22	22	22	22	22	23	22
Laf-Ox-Univ	34	36	36	38	38	39	35
Laurel	42	43	45	45	48	48	48
Madison County				20	20	24	31
Magee	27	27	27	27	27	27	27
McComb	40	37	39	39	39	39	39
Meridian	36	36	30	30	30	30	30
Monticello	35	30	30	30	30	28	28
North Jackson	29	26	26	26	27	28	28
Northwoods	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Oak Forest	28	27	24	24	24	23	23
Orange Grove	10	10					
Oxford	50	47	47	52	51	51	53
Pearl	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
Richland	59	58	58	54	54	55	55
Starkville	20	20	20	18	18	18	18
Tupelo	11	11	10	11	11	11	11
Vicksburg	24	24	24	28	29	31	31
Winona	21	22	22	22	22	22	22
TOTALS	1340	1320	1300	1304	1302	1304	1311
	(38)	(38)	(37)	(38)	(38)	(38)	(38)

MICKEY BOYETTE CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION

Endorsed by his home club of Grenada and by the Mississippi District Board of Directors, National Vice President, Region 6, Mickey Boyette has announced his candidacy for a second term as Regional Vice President at the National Exchange Convention in Phoenix in July, 2000. Mickey is an agent for New York Life, and he and his wife Donna are the parents of Wes, Holly, and Katie. Mickey is a graduate of Holmes Community and the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers Training Academy. He has been a member of the Grenada Exchange

Club since 1989 serving as a member of the Board of Directors, Editor of the *Grenade*, club President-elect and club President. He was named club and District Exchange of the Year and National Distinguished District Director and National Distinguished Club President. Mickey served as President-elect and President of the Mississippi District, and has sponsored 38 members. He was elected as a Trustee for the National Foundation for the Prevention of Child Abuse and currently serves as a Member of the Board of Directors for the Child Abuse Prevention Center of North Mississippi, Inc. Mickey currently serves Region 6 as National Vice President and is a Medallion I supporter of the National Foundation for the Prevention of Child Abuse.

As stated in the Bylaws of District Exchange Clubs, [Article X, Section 3](#), "all suggested candidates for the office of District President-elect, Vice President(s), District Secretary, District Treasurer and members of the Board of Directors must be forwarded to the District Secretary or the Immediate Past District President not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date designated for the annual convention." [Section 4](#) states, "nothing contained in these Bylaws shall be construed as limiting the right to make further nominations from the floor of the annual convention, except anyone nominated from the floor must be registered and in attendance at the convention as a delegate." [Section 5](#) continues, "no person shall be nominated for any office who is not fully cognizant of the duties of that office and without consent to such nomination being first obtained." "Should any District Director desire to seek another office at the end of the first year of a two year term [\[Section 6\]](#), a letter of resignation must be submitted to the District Board of Directors for action at its pre-convention meeting. The resignation must be accepted and shall take effect when his/her successor is installed." "No person [\[Section 7\]](#) may be a candidate for two offices at the same convention."

DISTRICT CANDIDATES, 2000-2001

(This list contains the names of candidates who have formally filed as of the date of publication)

DISTRICT PRESIDENT-ELECT

Betty H. Galloway--Mississippi District Secretary 1999-2000; Editor, *Mississippi District Exchange-O-Gram* 1998-1999 and 1999-2000 (Judges Award for National News and Promotion Writing, 1998-1999); Past President, Oxford Exchange Club (District Outstanding Club President, National Outstanding Club President); District Director, Div I 1997-1999 (National Distinguished District Director, 1997-1998 and 1998-1999); past Member and Secretary of the Board of Directors of NM Child Abuse Prevention Center; sponsored 28 members; Executive Vice President, EISOly Laboratories.

DISTRICT SECRETARY

Thomas R. Ahrend—Charter member of Exchange Club of Pearl; served 14 years as club Secretary; Attended Copiah-Lincoln Community College and Mississippi State University; employed with US Department of Veterans Affairs for 26 years; hosted weekly radio show "Country Gospel Jubilee" for 22 years; Baptist.

DISTRICT TREASURER

Luther Roan--Member of Exchange since 1975; District Treasurer 1991-2000; Club Builder; Board Member, President of Leavell Woods Exchange Club; Member, Board of Directors, Jackson Child Abuse Prevention Center; Deacon, Alta Woods Baptist Church; retired.

DISTRICT DIRECTOR, DIV II

Tommy Barrett—Member of Exchange for 38 years; District Director (1975-1978; 1997-1999—National Distinguished District Director); Mississippi District President (1979-1980); Treasurer of Grenada Exchange Club for 12 years; Member and Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Exchange Club Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse of North Mississippi, Inc.; retired.

DISTRICT DIRECTOR, DIV IV-----No candidate to date

DISTRICT DIRECTOR, DIV VI-----No candidate to date

DISTRICT DIRECTOR DIV VIII-----No candidate to date

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with dynamic men and women who care about their
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 Seen on a bumper sticker

NEWS FROM HOUSTON

The Houston Exchange Club started the 1999-2000 year by donating \$11,750 to the Exchange Club Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse of North Mississippi, Incorporated.

CELEBRATE THE NEW MILLENNIUM

Join National's Recruitment Campaign!

National announces the Celebrate Exchange into the New Millennium Recruitment Campaign. To participate in the program, a club member MUST call, fax, or e-mail the Club and District Services Department at National and notify them that the club will participate in the contest.

800-XCHANGE; FAX 419-535-1989; cdsd@nationalexchangeclub.com

The contest runs from January 1 to March 31, and all clubs that achieve a net growth of +1 will receive a patch. The two clubs with the highest net growth on March 15 will win a party paid for by National up to \$200 and receive coverage in *Exchange Today* magazine. The ten top clubs that achieve net growth at the end of March 15 will receive a \$500 gift certificate from the Supply Department and VIP seating and recognition at the 2000 National Convention in Phoenix. Members recruited during the campaign should be inducted in special ceremony during the week of March 25-31, 2000.

DISTRICT CLUBS' PROGRAMS OF SERVICE

As reported to National (* = National Day of Service)

CLUB	Com Serv	Youth	Amer	Child Abuse	Fund Raising	NSA Sent	Prog Dev
Batesville							X
Biloxi							X
B'haven							X
Clarksdale							
Cleveland		1*					X
Columbus				1*			X
Crossgates	2*	1					X
G'wood				1*			
Grenada	8	3	2	1*		11/5	X
Gulfport							X
H'cock Co							
H'burg	8	7	3	2		11/30	X
Houston		9	2	2			X
D Jackson							X
L Woods							X
N Jackson	1*		1				X
N'woods							X
Oak Forest	8	5	6	9	5	8/19	X
Kosciusko	13*	5*	12*	9*	2	8/19	X
Laurel							X
McComb							X
Meridian							X
Monticello	1	1*	4	1	1	11/30	X
Oxford	10*	2	6	3	2	11/30	X
Pearl	1	1	3	2	1	12/17	X
Richland	1		3	2	1		X
Starkville							
Tupelo							X
Vicksburg	4		1				X
Flowood							X
Holmes C		1	1				X
L-O-U	3	2	4	2	1	11/3	X
Byram	2*		3	1	1		X
JCJC							
B Chitto	7*	3*	6*	3*	1	11/15	X
Winona							
Madison							

GREETINGS FROM THE NATIONAL VP, REGION 6

As I sit here thinking back just a few days ago to Christmas morning, I remember how excited Katie and Holly were to find the things Santa had left around the tree. The smiles on their faces told the story of how good they had been all year and how they had been rewarded for their efforts. As with all Christmases for children, it came and went too soon. But for the adults, everything we read, saw, or heard concerned the new millennium and the Y2K bug.

As I think about our situation today, I think back in time to a period in the late 1890s. Way back then there was a guy named Charles Berkey who, with some of his friends, was beginning something new. The idea of Exchange was just beginning to form in the minds and efforts of Mr. Berkey and his friends. Nobody back then, I am convinced, could see what lay ahead for our nation or its citizens with this new group to be called Exchange. I imagine these founders of our organization were much like my daughters—filled with excitement but uncertain about what was ahead. Just as my girls were elated about what they found under the tree on Christmas morning, our founding leaders of Exchange would have been just as happy had they been able to see what their little group had spawned.

Christmas happens every day if you truly believe

Those founding fathers had not then met a Mississippian named Thomas L. Bailey who would pen the hallowed words to our beloved Covenant of Service. Our dear friend, Dr. Ed North, Jr., was not even born; yet during his lifetime he opened the present called Exchange from under his tree and a whole new world of opportunities for him, for us, and for all the children who have been served through our Child Abuse Prevention programs was made available. These two individuals were giants in Exchange, but there were also a couple of other giants who were just as dedicated. Although I personally never met Porter L. Fortune, I feel I know him through the stories of others who did. If all those stories are true, not meeting Porter Fortune was my great loss. His dedication to Exchange was just as great as other Exchange giants. And who could ever forget Billy Joe Sills—certainly nobody who every met him! Billy Joe was taken from us and from Exchange much too soon. Who knows how much more he could have given of himself had he had the time...more time. Billy Joe did as all the other leaders of Exchange from our great District of Mississippi—he gave his all, and he gave it without reservation.

What makes a great leader? You can find one definition in any dictionary, but I am sure that close by, somewhere, there is also a mention of Thomas Bailey, Porter Fortune, Ed North, and Billy Joe Sills. The thing that amazes me most, however, is that all these men were just like you and me—they believed in the organization, they saw a need, and they had the determination to do something to improve the lives of others. Many people believe they cannot do these things, or that they don't have the ability to make things better, or they are waiting to be convinced that they are the ones who can make things better. Those individuals just do not believe in Santa Claus. They also believe that Christmas comes only once a year. They have a lot to learn.

As we head into the new millennium, I would like to remind them of this: Christmas happens every day if you truly believe! You do not have to be a Charles Berkey, a Thomas Bailey, a Porter Fortune, an Ed North, or a Billy Joe Sills. You can be Santa to someone every day, someone who is looking for "better conditions, better understanding, and greater opportunities for all." All you have to do is get the bugs out and get focused. You'll be surprised to see the expressions of happiness on the faces of those you are helping in the process.

Happy New Millennium, and Happy Exchange!

Mickey Boyette

CHILD ABUSE

JUST BECAUSE YOU CAN'T SEE IT DOESN'T MEAN IT DOESN'T EXIST

Support Your Child Abuse Prevention Center

Whether you are in a position to give \$25 or \$25,000, make your plans during this first year of the millennium to support the child abuse prevention center of your choice. The size of the gift is not important—the important thing is to give something, to help make it possible to shed some light into a dark area of an abused child's life. Help give a child a chance to break the cycle of abuse and have a chance at a normal life. Remember, there are many kinds of abuse—physical abuse, sexual abuse, and emotional abuse. But neglect is also abuse. A child is neglected when the people he or she depends on for food, clothing, shelter, and love fail to provide these basic needs. And that's where we Exchangites enter the picture. Give anything you can, but give. To make your gift-giving easier, the contact persons of the Mississippi District Child Abuse Prevention Centers are listed below:

Child Abuse Prevention Center of North Mississippi
Jan Sample, Director (jmsample@watervalley.net)
P.O. Box 1841
Oxford, MS 38655 (TEL 662-234-4255)

Child Abuse Prevention Center of South Mississippi
Bridget Logan, Director (cpsd2@metro.net/-cpsc)
3201 D Avenue
Gulfport, MS 39507 (TEL 228-868-8686)

Child Abuse Prevention Center of Jackson
Donna L. McLaurin, Director (ecpcc@juno.com)
2906 North State Street, Suite 200
Jackson, MS 39216 (TEL 601-366-0025)

Child Abuse Prevention Center of Vicksburg
Shaheena Haque, Director (capctr@magnolia.net)
2732 Washington Street
Vicksburg, MS 39180 (TEL 601-634-0557)

Better yet, why don't you bring a personal check or a check from your club and present it to your favorite Center during the Mid-Winter Conference?

All District awards nominations should be submitted by the time and date listed below:

Meisburg Service Award-----District Secretary by noon 6/2/00
Thomas L. Bailey Youth of the Year-- date and address to be provided
District Golf Tournament-----Golf Committee to be named by President
Patty Outstanding Club President-----District Secretary by noon 6/2/00
Amateur Talent Contest-----District Secretary by noon 6/2/00
Sills Spirit of Exchange Award-----District Secretary by noon 6/2/00
Fortune Exchange of the Year-----District Secretary by noon 6/2/00
Gober Club Bulletin Award-----District Secretary by noon 6/2/00
Lawrence New Club Membership-----District Secretary by noon 6/2/00
Bacon Outstanding Club Secretary-----District Secretary by noon 6/2/00
Edgeworth Membership Award-----Calculated from membership reports
Wilcox Club Membership Award-----Calculated from membership reports
Harvey Attendance Award-----Calculated from members in attendance
North Publicity/Activities Scrapbook-----District Secretary by noon 6/2/00

All National awards nominations should be submitted by the date listed below:

Charter Club Cornerstone Award-----6 months after charter
Distinguished Charter Club President Award-----1 year anniversary
Distinguished Club Secretary Award-----August 1
Distinguished Club Treasurer Award-----August 1
National Best Club Bulletin Award-----April 10
Edit District Bulletin Award-----April 10
National Outstanding Service Project Award-----May 31
National Outstanding Fund-Raising Award-----May 31
CARE Award-----May 31
Public Relations Award-----May 31
National Youth of the Year-----June 1
Club Membership Achievement Award-----June 30
Club Superior Membership Achievement Award-----June 30
Club Excellence Award-----June 30
Service Project and Activities Award-----June 30
National Service Award-----June 30
Club Fund Raising Award-----June 30
Big E Award-----June 30
District New Club Building Chairman Award-----June 30
Distinguished Club President Award-----June 30
Distinguished District Director Award-----June 30
Distinguished District President Award-----June 30
Star District President Award-----June 30

Add more fun to the Mid-Winter Conference, Inter-Club Meetings, and the District Convention—BRING PLENTY OF DOOR PRIZES!

NATIONAL A.C.E. AWARD

The National A.C.E. Award is a brand new national award, which will be given out at this year's National Convention in Phoenix. A mailing has been sent to all club secretaries, VFRs, district officers, and National Board members introducing this special award. Included in this mailing were eight applications and an updated youth projects guide, which offers project guidelines and award criteria.

In order to compete on a national level, clubs must submit their candidates to the district and win the district's award. Also, please note that the winner of the National A.C.E. Award must be able to accept his or her \$5,000 scholarship on Thursday, July 13, 2000, at the Youth Recognition Luncheon.

A proposal will be submitted to the Mississippi District Board of Directors at its meeting on January 21, 2000, to establish a Mississippi District A.C.E. Award in order to be eligible for National competition in this program.



WANTED

An Exchange Posse to hunt up
new members

Join Buffalo Bob's

EXCHANGE RANGERS

*Recruit 3 new members by June 30

EXCHANGE RANGER CLUB

*3 Exchange Rangers



Do you have your Ranger Pin yet?

You only have to sponsor 3 members

MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT CLUBS AND MEMBERS MAKE NATIONAL NEWS: CHECK OUT THE NOVEMBER/DECEMBER ISSUE OF EXCHANGE TODAY AT THE PAGES LISTED:

- Page 1—The names of the late Dr. Porter L. Fortune, Jr., Dr. Edward R. North, Jr., and Billy Joseph Sills appear on Court of Honor.
- Page 16, Batesville, Brookhaven, Clarksdale, Cleveland, Columbus, Greenwood, Grenada, Gulfport, Hancock County, Hattiesburg, Houston, Jackson, Leavell Woods, North Jackson, Northwoods, Oak Forest, Kosciusko, Laurel, McComb, Meridian, Monticello, Oxford, Pearl, Richland, Starkville, Tupelo, Vicksburg, Flowood, Holmes CC, L-O-U, Byram, and Bogue Chitto Clubs win National Service Award in 1998-1999.
- Page 17—Club officers from Brookhaven, North Jackson, Grenada, Leavell Woods, Oak Forest, Kosciusko, Laurel, Monticello, Richland, L-O-U, and Gulfport, win Distinguished Club Secretaries and Distinguished Club Treasurers Awards.
- Page 18—Mary Elizabeth Hardy, Harry Robinson, and Thomas and Nell Smith are listed on National Foundation Century Club roster.
- Page 20—Introducing newest Mississippi District Club—Exchange Club of Madison County.
- Page 22—Exchange Club of Houston presents \$11,750 to the Child Abuse Prevention Center of North Mississippi.
- Page 24—Regional Vice President Mickey Boyette presents resolution to Jackson, TN, club President.
- Page 25—Exchange Club of North Jackson dedicates Freedom Shrine at Parham Bridges Park.
- Page 26—Oak Forest Exchange Club dedicates Freedom Shrine at Veterans Administration Medical Center.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

National Officers from Mississippi

1925-1927--Thomas Bailey, Meridian	National President
1926-1928--Warren A. Deale, Jackson	National Board Member
1946-1953--S.C. Meisburg, Jackson	National Board Member
1960-1961--Porter L. Fortune, Oxford	National Board Member
1974-1975--Porter L. Fortune, Oxford	National President
1975-1979--Edward R. North, Jackson	National Board Member
1979-1980--Edward R. North, Jackson	National President
1985-1987--Billy Joe Sills, Jackson	Regional Vice President
1988-1989--Billy Joe Sills, Jackson	National Vice President West
1990-1991--Billy Joe Sills, Jackson	National President
1998-2000--Mickey Boyette, Grenada	Regional Vice President

CAP Foundation Trustees from Mississippi

1979-1981--Edward R. North, Jackson	CAP Foundation President
1981-1983--Edward R. North, Jackson	CAP Foundation Trustee
1987-1992--Billy Joe Sills, Jackson	CAP Foundation Trustee
1997-1998--Mickey Boyette, Grenada	CAP Foundation Trustee

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TOMORROW'S LEADERSHIP

During the next few weeks and months, each Exchange member in the District will be making a decision that will affect the future of the club—electing officers for one-, two-, and three-year terms.

The office of **Secretary** is filled for a one-year term. The Secretary acts as the historian of the club and serves as caretaker of club records, is responsible for taking and preparing minutes, filing reports as mandated by bylaws and policy, and serves as an officer of the club.

The office of **Treasurer** is filled for a one-year term. The Treasurer acts as the caretaker of the club's funds, receives, records receipt of, and disburses the club monies, makes reports as mandated by bylaws and policy, and serves as an officer of the club.

The office of **President-elect** performs the President-elect's job for one year and automatically succeeds to the office of President the second year. Additionally, this officer shall serve by virtue of office as the Immediate Past President the third year and will continue to serve as a member of the Board of Directors for the full three years. The President-elect performs the duties of the President in the absence, inability, or refusal of the President to act.

The office of **President** is filled by the President-elect. The President is the chief executive officer of the club, presides over all meetings of the club and the Board of Directors, exercises general supervision over the club subject to the supervision of the Board of Directors, appoints committees, and performs other duties as mandated by bylaws and policy.

The **Immediate Past President** attains the office by succession thereto, continues to be a member of the Board of Directors by virtue of office, and acts in an advisory capacity assisting the President and the Board of Directors in all matters that come before them.

Members of the **Board of Directors** are elected for two-year staggered terms and meet monthly, with the President of the club serving as Chairman of the Board. The Board of Directors transacts the business of the club, supervises the publication of the club bulletin, and fills any interim vacancies which may occur in the slate of officers or on the Board itself.

As a loyal and interested Exchangite, look around the members of your club and make your recommendations for officers to the Nominating Committee. Help make your club the best it can be by electing the best leaders you have.



The quality of your leadership is vital to the success of your Exchange Club.

Steven Douglas, VFR

START MAKING YOUR PLANS NOW FOR THE 80TH ANNUAL DISTRICT CONVENTION TO BE HELD JUNE 1-4, 2000, AT THE HOLIDAY INN IN VICKSBURG.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS....

To the wonderful world of Exchange!

As reported to National at time of publication

Batesville--James L. Smith, Jr.; **Bogue Chitto**--Mary Williams; Linda Smith; L.J. Smith; Beverly Smith; Regina Terry; Savannah Holmes; Constance Gatlin; Paul Gatlin; Gregory Smith; Mark Wayne Smith; Maria Herring; Michael Herring; Rita W. Smith; Betty Jo Calcote; **Brookhaven**--James D. Keene; Mike Boyd; **Byram**—Terri Montgomery; Virginia A. Barrett; Ira Thorn III; **Cleveland**—Lori Martin; Paige Steen; Harry Tarsi; Teresa Houston; Byron Hughes; Lisa Norn; Margaret Brock; Andrea Marble; Debbie Christmas; Judith McDaniel; Jo Wilson; Travis Casanova; John Rush; Sid Harmon; Glenda Otts; **Columbus**--Greg Sykes; Owen Bush; Jimmy Hood; Dakin McKay; Laurie Barclay; **Crossgates**--R. Larry Wert; Foster Welburn; Butch Lee; **Downtown Jackson**--Lawrence Jones; Meta Swain; Leland Mitchell; **Flowood**--Clayton G. Hodge, Jr.; Debbie R. Harmon-Washington; Debra J. Hodge; Larry Hogue; Norma Paltor; Debra Cooper; **Greenwood**—Marcus Tingle; **Grenada**--James W. Carlisle; John G. Mitchell; John Inman; Jerry Whitfield; **Gulfport**--Ricky Bishop; Anna Boothby; Julius Theodore; Julie Johnson; Giovanni Buford; Rob Robinson; **Hancock County**—Elizabeth Shaw; Lisa Wilbourn; **Hattiesburg**—Daniel Hall; **Houston**—Lloyd Eaton; Louis Chandler; James Goydon; **Kosciusko**--John Munn; Tonjoh Langford; Lisa Ellington; Monica Windham; **Laf-Ox-Univ**--Daniel Costley; Millianne Kolassa; Mary Kay Churchill; Selwyn Greer; Amy Mark; Deidre L. Mooneyham; **Laurel**--Chad Dozier; Joel L. Anderton; Richard Clark; S. Ned Hinton, Jr.; Timothy York; Carey C. Smith; Parker McCurley; **Leavell Woods**—Roger Noller; **Madison County**—William C. Bell; Derryl W. Peden; Walter E. Wood; Donna H. Wright; Michael

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MERIDIAN MAKES DONATIONS

President Judy Williams advises that the Exchange Club of Meridian celebrated the Christmas season in true Exchange style by making contributions in December to the Wesley House and its child abuse prevention program, to the Care Lodge Domestic Violence Shelter, and to the Peavey House Shelter for Abused Children. The members were also busy ringing Christmas bells for the Salvation Army during the season.

Plan now to attend the 82nd Annual National Exchange Convention in Phoenix, Arizona, July 11-16, 2000.

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